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NDSU

Student Satisfaction Inventory results summarized

The latest results from the Student Satisfaction Inventory show NDSU undergraduate students are generally satisfied with their college experience. Detail data, results and an executive summary will be distributed to the President's Council and department heads.

The SSI is a national instrument of Noel-Levitz Centers Inc. The survey of 576 NDSU students was taken online during spring 2004. It followed similar studies in the falls of 1999 and 2002. The National Survey of Student Engagement will be distributed to a sample of NDSU students in a Web-only administration starting Feb. 18.

According to William Slanger, director of institutional research and analysis, NDSU scored considerably higher in spring 2004 as compared with the survey taken in fall 2002. Slanger said NDSU's trends from 1999 from 2004 are generally up for 11 of the survey's 15 scales and questions and 50 of 82 items.

The executive summary said it is encouraging to note that "Instructional Effectiveness" is an area of positive growth. According to Slanger, the percentage of very satisfied students in that area continues to grow (10 percent to 11 percent to 13 percent), while the percentage in the three dissatisfied categories shrank to 14 percent in 2004.

The report said that in the category of "Academic Advising," NDSU improved at both ends of satisfaction scale—26 percent very satisfied and 16 percent in the three dissatisfied categories for 2004. In "Safety and Security" and "Concern for the Individual," the university continues a rapidly positive trend.

Other areas of considerable positive movement included "Student Centeredness," "Campus Climate" and "Service Excellence."

When students were asked the question, "So far, how has your college experience met your expectations?" NDSU equals other national four-year institutions with 44 percent in the three satisfied categories. When asked to "Rate your overall satisfaction with your experience at NDSU thus far," NDSU saw 82 percent in top three categories, and now rates significantly above other four-year public institutions. "If you had it to do over again, would you enroll at NDSU?" got a 76 percent in top three categories.

Study: learning community increases student retention, improves grades

An analysis of the Caring Community of Leaders and Problem-solvers (CCLP) indicates the program has helped retain students, while helping them get better grades and prepare for leadership roles. The CCLP is a learning community program launched by NDSU in fall 2003. The learning community is designed for cohorts of first-year students and is funded by a Bush Foundation grant.

The CCLP program integrates problem-based learning techniques, service learning and leadership training into first-year English, Speech and Skills for Academic Success classes that are attended by cohorts of about 25 students each. The program includes a strong residential component: mentoring from upper-class students and social functions at the beginning and middle of each semester with students, mentors, instructors, advisers and other CCLP team members.

DOE seeks grant applications

The U.S. Department of Energy has announced its interest in receiving grant applications from states eligible for the DOE/EPSCoR program for collaborative partnerships between academic researchers and DOE's national laboratories, facilities and centers.

A pre-application is required, and must be received by Tuesday, April 12.

Complete information is available at www.science.doe.gov/grants/FAPN05-04.html.

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In addition, participants attend bi-weekly luncheon workshops on developing leadership, team building and problem-solving skills. Approximately 100 self-selected students participated in the learning community during 2003-04, the first year of the program, and nearly 200 students are participating in the program this academic year. Beginning in fall 2005, about 400 students are projected to participate in the learning community.

Some of the results of the first year include:

- Fall 2003 to fall 2004 retention rate was 89 percent for learning community participants, compared to 76 percent for non-participants of the same majors.
- Fall 2003 grade point average, adjusted for pre-college variables, was 3.03 for CCLP and 2.90 for the non-CCLP control group.
- Fewer CCLP students changed majors or remained undecided after the first year.

It was found that scores on a nationally-normed academic test of students in learning communities was less dependent on high school performance and more dependent on NDSU academic performance.

Interest in becoming a community leader, understanding community problems and the ability to work in a team increased for CCLP participants.

For more information about NDSU learning communities, contact Sudhir Mehta, associate vice president for academic affairs, at 1-8493.

NDSU's United Way drive receives awards

NDSU has been recognized by the United Way of Cass-Clay for its successful 2004 campus campaign. NDSU received an award for topping \$75,000 in gifts, and was acknowledged as the company or institution with the largest number of new Key Club members.

NDSU was honored during a United Way awards ceremony Feb. 8 at the Ramada Plaza Suites, Fargo.

According to Char Goodyear, NDSU employee campaign coordinator, the university's campaign raised a record \$85,736, which represents a more than 12 percent increase over the previous year. In addition, NDSU's Key Club increased by 15 members. Key Club members make a combined family pledge of \$500 or more.

"We had a highly successful campaign because of the generosity and involvement of campus personnel and students," Goodyear said, noting that the campaign surpassed its \$80,000 goal. "NDSU had active participation in departments across our campus. By working together with United Way, we have made a positive contribution to our community."

The United Way of Cass-Clay supports more than 50 programs through 37 agencies. For additional information, contact Goodyear at 1-1068 or char.goodyear@ndsu.edu.

People

Bouffard article published

"Are the Rewards of Crime the Same for All? Individual Difference and the Perceived Benefits of Crime," an article by Jeff Bouffard, assistant professor of criminal justice, recently was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Criminal Justice*. The article was co-written by graduate students Shamayne Smith and Jeff Bry.

According to the article, previous tests of the rational choice theory of crime have used a hypothetical scenario method that instructed subjects to consider only those potential consequences that researchers think would-be-offenders might find relevant to their criminal decisions. Some of Bouffard's research, however, suggested that these researcher-derived consequences did not accurately reflect the entire range of crime consequences actually considered by would-be offenders and that there was at least some individual variation in the types of costs and benefits to which individuals attend.

Bouffard's study allowed participants to develop their own set of potential benefits in relation to four hypothetical offending scenarios, and examined the relationship between these rewards and several individual-level variables. Bouffard says the results suggest that individuals vary in the types of crime benefits they see as relevant, and that they also vary in the extent to which they find various benefit types to be important to their offending decisions.

According to Bouffard, the results suggest that "one-size-fits-all" crime prevention and control efforts may not be optimally effective, since individuals find different sets of crime consequences to be relevant or important to their decisions.

Animal and range faculty receive NRI grant

Animal and range sciences professors Joel Caton and Dale Redmer and assistant professor Kimberly Vonnahme have received a \$422,000 grant from the Department of Agriculture Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (USDA-CSREES)'s National Research Initiative (NRI) competitive grant program to study the impacts of maternal nutrition during gestation.

The four-year grant, "Effects of Maternal Under-Nutrition and High Selenium During Gestation on Growth and Vascularization of Key Nutrient-Transferring Tissues," will be used to gain insight on the impacts of maternal nutrition on mechanisms of tissue vascularization, prenatal and post-natal growth, and end product quality.

Vonnahme, Caton, Redmer and Marc Bauer, associate professor of animal and range sciences, also received an equipment grant from USDA-CSREES and a cash match for an Immulite 1000 totaling \$56,000, to be used for metabolic and reproductive hormone analyses.

In addition, Vonnahme recently was awarded a USDA-CSREES grant for \$110,000 to examine structural and functional difference of the vasculature in diverse placentomal types to gain a better understanding of how placental efficiency is regulated in ruminants.

Waronker receives Koret grant

Jay A. Waronker, assistant professor of architecture, recently was awarded a grant through the Koret Foundation to initiate the restoration of a 17th century synagogue in Parur, India.

The project will complement a project by the Indian government involving the restoration of another synagogue in the neighboring town of Chennamangalam. The buildings, which once served the Cochin Jews, are now abandoned. A museum also is planned for one of the synagogues.

Waronker has spent several years documenting India's 34 synagogues. His work, which features detailed watercolors of the buildings, is frequently exhibited and was published in conjunction with "India's Jewish Heritage: Ritual, Art and Life-Cycle" in 2003.

Koch speaks at crop improvement, seed association meeting

Kim Koch, Northern Crops Institute feed production center manager, was scheduled to speak at the North Dakota Crop Improvement and Seed Association's annual meeting held Feb. 7-8 in Bismarck. He planned to present "China—Opportunities for North Dakota in Trade and Education/Skills Training."

Koch was part of a North Dakota trade delegation to China in October. NCI later was invited to propose training programs and opportunities to educate Chinese farmers on how to use North Dakota feed ingredients.

"China promises tremendous market potential," Koch said. "In order to groom that potential into long-term economic benefit, education and technical assistance programming must be developed that demonstrates the value of our region's crops and co-products when placed into the product mix of Chinese food and feed suppliers."

Chabora attends theater festival

Pamela Chabora, assistant professor of theater arts, served as a preliminary judge for the Irene Ryan competition at the Region V Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival held Jan. 16-22 in St. Louis.

Chabora also conducted the workshop "Alba Emoting Revisited" regarding the application of research in neuropsychology to actor training.

Four NDSU student teams advanced to the semi-finals and one team advanced to the finals of the Irene Ryan acting competition. Student Miranda Wilson received the Region V Stage Management Fellowship.

Students nationwide are invited to participate in the festival's acting, design, stage management, directing, dramaturgy, playwriting and production competitions. Students also have the opportunity to attend workshops and classes during the festival.

Schwert receives Faculty Lectureship

The NDSU Faculty Lectureship Committee, chaired by Harriett Light, announced that Donald P. Schwert, professor of geology and director of the Center for Science and Mathematics Education, has been selected for the prestigious 47th Faculty Lectureship.

Schwert's lecture, "A City on Stilts: The Geology Under Fargo," is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, in the Memorial Union's Century Theater. A reception in the Peace Garden Room will follow the talk.

Schwert's lecture will address how sediments that accumulated in Glacial Lake Agassiz left a mixed legacy for residents of the Red River Valley. Schwert will discuss how the clays form the basis of some of the world's most productive soils, also induce some of the world's most problematic geologic conditions. The presentation will include several case histories illustrating the frustrations of maintaining and supporting a city on top of weak clays.

Schwert earned his bachelor's degree from Allegheny College, his master's degree at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse University and his doctorate in earth sciences from the University of Waterloo, Canada. He served as a visiting assistant professor for four years before officially joining the NDSU faculty in 1982.

The Faculty Lectureship recognizes sustained professional excellence in teaching, scholarly achievement and service among current faculty members.

Davis Wallette named program director

NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman has approved the appointment of Jaclynn Davis Wallette as director of Multicultural Student Services, effective Feb. 1. She has served as interim director since May.

"I am extremely pleased with the progress she has made, providing leadership to the department," said Prakash Mathew, dean of Student Life. "Her leadership will provide the stability and continuity the department needs to bring it to the next level. Jaclynn Davis Wallette has the qualifications, the experience and the right personality to lead the department."

Davis Wallette joined NDSU in November 1999, and she previously worked for the Native American Pharmacy Program and in the Office of Registration and Records. Prior to coming to campus, she was registrar, admissions officer and the regional coordinator for the Rural Systemic Initiative at Turtle Mountain Community College, Belcourt, N.D.

Davis Wallette earned her bachelor's degree at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, and her master's degree at NDSU. She is a member of the Fargo Theater Film Festival Committee, Fargo's Native American Advisory Council, Training Our Campuses Against Racism committee and the NDSU President's Cultural Diversity Committee.

Graduate student wins national animal science honor

Jessie Evoniuk, graduate student in animal and range sciences, was awarded the National Block and Bridle Club's Outstanding Senior Award during the club's convention held during January in Denver.

Evoniuk was nominated for the award by the NDSU Saddle and Sirloin Club, the local chapter of the Block and Bridle. The national award recipient receives a \$500 scholarship. The award is based on grades, Block and Bridle activities and other activities on and off-campus.

According to James Kirsch, chemist in animal and range sciences, Evoniuk is the first NDSU student to receive the national award.

"We are incredibly proud of Jessie," said Kenneth Odde, chair and head of animal and range sciences. "She achieved a 3.95 grade point average and conducted undergraduate research. She also was active in many organizations, and was a leader on campus."

Evoniuk said she was honored to win both the national and local outstanding senior awards. "I was involved in a lot of things on campus, but I didn't think I would be recognized nationally for my work," she said.

Saddle and Sirloin and Block and Bridle chapters are for students who have an interest in farm animals. The clubs promote higher scholastic standards and a better understanding of the animal sciences field.

Paulsen confirmed for SBHE

John Q. Paulsen, a retired Fargo medical administrator, was confirmed by the North Dakota Senate for a position on the State Board of Higher Education Feb. 8. The Senate's confirmation vote was 47-0.

Gov. John Hoeven appointed Paulsen to the board last summer. He has been serving since then, but Senate confirmation was required for him to continue on the board.

Paulsen has been active in the NDSU Development Foundation, Plains Art Museum, Prairie Public Broadcasting, Fargo school board and the public library.

Former department chair dies

Rik Ekstrom, former chair of architecture and landscape architecture, died Feb. 2 at a Fargo hospital. He was 70.

Ekstrom and his wife, Mary, moved to Fargo 1989. He was department chair from 1989 to 1993.

He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and a Master of Fine Arts degree from Yale University. Before joining NDSU, he was a faculty member at the University of Maryland and Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Architectural and Planning Laboratories.

From 1997 until his death, he led Ekstrom+Associates, Fargo. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and one son.

HD&E publications, presentations, grants listed

Gregory F. Sanders, professor of child development and family science, presented "Inter-Institutional Web-Based Graduate Education: Outcomes and Lessons Learned" at the recent Hawaii International Conference in Education. Co-authors are Margaret Fitzgerald, associate professor of child development and family science; Virginia Clark Johnson, dean of human development and education; and Marlys Bratteli, assistant professor of child development and family sciences.

Kim Overton, lecturer in the School of Education; Lisa Daniels, assistant professor in the School of Education; and Anissa Wilhelm, assistant professor in the School of Education, also presented "Connecting the Dots—A Look at Pre-Service Teachers, Dispositions and Accountability" at the conference.

Daniels also presented "A Triangulated Study of the Effects of Legislated High Stakes Testing on the Curriculum Landscape of Public Schools in Multiple States," and Daniels; Phil McClean, professor of plant sciences; Brian Slator, professor of computer science; Jeff Terpstra, associate professor of statistics; and Alan White, dean of science and mathematics, presented "Effects of Molecular and Cellular Biology Animations on Student Learning."

Wilhelm has received a grant to pilot electronic portfolio and assessment systems spring semester for possible future use by faculty and students.

A chapter by Daniels; McClean; Slator; Terpstra; White; Bernhardt Saini-Eidukat, chair and head of geosciences; Donald Schwert, director of the Center for Science and Mathematics Education; and Kim Addicott, graduate research assistant, has been accepted for publication in "Web-Based Intelligent e-Learning Systems: Technologies and Applications."

"Molecular and Cellular Biology Animations: Development and Impact on Student Learning," an article by McClean, Daniels, Slator, Terpstra and White has been accepted for publication in Cell Biology Education.

Julie Garden-Robinson, assistant professor of extension food and nutrition; Sandra Rather, extension specialist; David Barney, assistant professor of health, nutrition and exercise sciences; and Gary Liguori, instructor in Distance and Continuing Education, received a grant "Let's Just Play" from Nickelodeon Inc. to conduct nutrition and physical activity education on the Fort Yates, N.D., reservation.

William O. Martin, associate professor of mathematics, is involved with "The Linear Algebra Project," a \$75,000 National Science Foundation grant project. Martin also helped organize an "Assessment of the Mathematics Major" workshop held recently in Atlanta.

Fitzgerald presented "Copreneurs and Time: Who Leaves? Who Stays?" and "Assessing the Impact of Managerial Adjustment Strategies on Family Business Success Over Time" at the recent annual conference of the United States Association for Small Business and Enterprise.

In addition, "Cross-Institutional Norms for Timing and Sequencing and the Use of Adjustment Strategies in Families Affiliated with Family-Owned Businesses," a paper co-written by Fitzgerald, was nominated for the 2004 Kanter Award for Excellence in Work-Family Research.

An entry by Derald Bates, assistant professor of apparel, design, facility and hospitality management, has been accepted for the IDEC design competition. Bates' entry, an office desk designed as an "innovative instructional aid," is one of nine finalists from 35 entries.

Events

5:01 Entrepreneur Society meeting set

A meeting of the 5:01 Entrepreneur Society is scheduled for 5:01-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at the NDSU Research and Technology Park Research I offices. Eide Bailly LLP representatives Todd Smith and Scott Swanholm are the scheduled speakers. The planned topic is "Management and Tax Tips for Entrepreneurs."

Smith is director of consulting services. He previously was an executive consultant at IBM, and provided management consulting services. Prior that, he worked with community banks and small businesses throughout the Upper Midwest, focusing on strategic planning and market development strategies.

Swanholm is a senior tax manager, specializing in tax planning and entity structure. Scott works primarily with closely held businesses and their owners, and has industry expertise in manufacturing and construction.

The meeting is sponsored by Eide Bailly LLP. For more information or to R.S.V.P., contact Jan Sobolik at 1-6698, or register online at www.ndsuresearchpark.com/info/events/services.epl.

NCI co-sponsors specialty soybean seminars

Regional producers will have the opportunity to learn about adding value to their crops at the Northern Specialty Soybean Conference scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, at the Northland Inn, Crookston, Minn., and Thursday, March 10, at the Alexandria, Minn., Holiday Inn. The Minnesota Soybean Research and Promotion Council, North Dakota Soybean Council and Northern Crops Institute are the events' co-sponsors.

Researchers, commercial soybean handlers, producers and processors will discuss issues from which producers may benefit in order to increase profitability, such as defining specialty soybeans, seed selection and adapted varieties, growing and handling, Asian soybean rust, marketing opportunities, production contracts, food safety, traceability and profitability.

The registration deadline is Friday, March 4, and registration forms are available on the NCI Web site at www.northern-crops.com. For additional information, call 1-7736.

Forums set on NDSU self-study document

NDSU's Self-Study Steering Committee has scheduled open forums on early drafts of two chapters of the university's self-study document. They are the final early draft forums.

Forums on Chapter 3—Criterion Two: "Preparing for the Future" and Chapter 5—Criterion Four: "Acquisition, Discovery and Application of Knowledge" were scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, and Wednesday, Feb. 16, in the Memorial Union Prairie Room of the Student Memorial Union. Refreshments will be available.

The criterion statement for Criterion Two reads, "The organization's allocation of resources and its processes for evaluation and planning demonstrate its capacity to fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its education, and respond to future challenges and opportunities."

"Core Components" for Criterion Two (Chapter 3) include:

- The organization realistically prepared for a future shaped by multiple societal and economic trends.
- The organization's resource base supports its educational programs and its plans for maintaining and strengthening their quality in the future.
- The organization's ongoing evaluation and assessment processes provide reliable evidence of institutional effectiveness that clearly informs strategies for continuous improvement.
- All levels of planning align with the organization's mission, thereby enhancing its capacity to fulfill that mission.

The criterion statement for Criterion Four reads, "The organization promotes a life of learning for its faculty, administration, staff and students by fostering and supporting inquiry, creativity, practice and social responsibility in ways consistent with its mission."

"Core Components" for Criterion Four (Chapter 5) include:

- The organization demonstrates, through the actions of its board, administration, students, faculty and staff, that it values a life of learning.
- The organization demonstrates that acquisition of a breadth of knowledge and skills and the exercise of intellectual inquiry are integral to its educational programs.
- The organization assesses the usefulness of its curricula to students who will live and work in a global, diverse and technological society.
- The organization provides support to ensure that faculty, students and staff acquire, discover and apply knowledge responsibly.

Draft materials for each chapter are available at www.ndsu.edu/ndsu/accreditation/criteria.shtml. Forum attendees are asked to print their own copies.

Criterion Two contributors include Tom Bremer, Pam Hommen, Marie Hvidsten, chair Nancy Mueller, Sandy Sprafka, Gary Wavers and Whitney Weston.

Criterion Four contributors include James Council, James Deal, Kathy Enger, R. S. Krishnan, Marty Marchello, Dan Mostad, Debb Pankow, chair Larry Peterson, Kevin Thompson and Dale Zetocha.

Anyone who is unable to attend the open forums, but would like to contribute comments or suggestions may contact Mueller at 1-8379, Peterson at 1-8824, Bob Harrold at 1-8967, Deanna Sellnow at 1-8221, Mary McDonald at 1-7752 or Kären Bjellum at 1-5938.

Consultant-evaluators from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association are scheduled to visit NDSU Feb. 13-15, 2006. More information is available online at www.ndsu.edu/ndsu/accreditation/index.shtml.

Shorts and Reminders

Bromley conducts workshop with Fargo South art club

Kim Bromley, associate professor of art, recently led a creativity enhancement workshop for the Fargo South High School art club. Bromley uses hypnosis during the workshop to assist students to open up to their creative potential.

Thrasher to present at MMEA conference

Michael Thrasher, assistant professor of music, is scheduled to present "Clarinet Basics: Fundamentals Make the Difference" during the Minnesota Music Educators Association Conference set for Thursday, Feb. 17, in Minneapolis. Thrasher also will host a booth promoting NDSU and the various music degree programs offered.

Union Food Court specials for Feb. 16-23

Soup of the day

Wednesday: cheeseburger and vegetarian vegetable
Thursday: chicken tortilla and beef noodle
Friday: minestrone and tomato
Monday: knoepfla and zesty Italian
Tuesday: wild rice and chicken noodle
Wednesday: chicken tortilla and broccoli cheese

The Corner Deli

Wednesday: All-American wrap
Thursday: chicken
Friday: tuna salad
Monday: closed
Tuesday: pastrami
Wednesday: chicken Caesar wrap

A La Carte

Wednesday: carved honey glazed ham
Thursday: chicken rosemary
Friday: pasta bar
Monday: closed
Tuesday: taco salad
Wednesday: carved turkey breast

Pizza Express

Wednesday: Southwestern chicken
Thursday: Hawaiian
Friday: Tuscany
Monday: closed
Tuesday: taco
Wednesday: farmhouse

The Union Grab and Go hot entrée

Wednesday: grilled chicken alfredo
Thursday: meatballs and gravy
Friday: pan-fried cod
Monday: closed
Tuesday: meat lasagna
Wednesday: roast beef

Hot wrap (available in Grab and Go)

Wednesday: Italian
Thursday: garlic chicken
Friday: veggie wrap
Monday: closed
Tuesday: beef fajita
Wednesday: ham and cheese

Entrée salad (available in Grab and Go)

Wednesday: popcorn chicken
Thursday: taco
Friday: chicken Caesar
Monday: closed
Tuesday: Southwest chicken salad
Wednesday: popcorn chicken

Items are subject to change without notice. Call the Dining Services Lunch Line at 1-9501 to check the daily specials. Questions or comments may be dropped in the suggestion boxes located in each dining center and the Union Food Court or call Shelly at the Union Buffet at 1-8122.

Positions Available

Positions open and screening dates through the Office of Human Resources, Room 205, Old Main:

Graphic Designer

University Relations
Salary commensurate with experience
Feb. 17

Administrative Assistant

Part-time; 20-30 hours/week (flexible)
Psychology-NDSU COBRE Center for Visual Neuroscience
\$13.95+/hour
Feb. 23

Residence Hall Director

Full-time; 12-month position
Residence Life
\$25,000/year, plus partially furnished apartment, meal plan and competitive benefits package
Large halls slightly higher salary
March 7 or until filled
Anticipated start date-June 6

Position openings also are available through the NDSU Web site at www.ndsu.edu/job.

Calendar

February

- Through Feb. 16 Dan Siverson exhibit, Reineke Visual Arts Gallery
- Through Feb. 25 "From Eritrea with Love," exhibit by Betty LaDuke, Memorial Union Gallery
- Through July 31 NDSU Renovation and Construction Projects exhibit, President's Gallery, Old Main
- 16 Equal opportunity—PeopleSoft application help session, 10 a.m.-noon, IACC 150C
- 16 YMCA of NDSU —brown bag seminar "Health Issues Among Minority Students," noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 17 Black History Month—Mafany Mongoh and Danielle Yarbrough, World I View presentation on Cameroon, noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 17 Women's basketball vs. Minnesota State University, Mankato, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

- 17 Wellness education leaders 3-on-3 basketball tournament, 7 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse
- 18 Animal and range sciences—Henry C. Lukaski, USDA-ARS Human Nutrition Research Center, Grand Forks, “New Roles of Zinc and Copper in Regulating Energy Metabolism During Exercise,” 3 p.m., Hultz 104
- 18 Plant sciences—Xunfen Chen, graduate student, “Domestication of Maize;” Zhiwei Chen, graduate student, “Strategies for Developing Resistance to Late Blight in Potato,” 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 18 Faculty recital—Neil Mueller, assistant professor of music, trumpet, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 19 Women’s basketball vs. Upper Iowa University, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 20 The Second City comedy troupe, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall
- 21 President’s Day holiday—university closed
- 22 Research, creative activities and technology transfer—“Venture Capital Action Summit” sponsored by Sen. Byron Dorgan and the Red River Valley Reserach Corridor Coordinating Center, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Ramada Plaza Suites, Fargo. Call 1-5174 for more information.
- 22 Black History Month—Soul Food Sampler sponsored by Black Student Organization, 11 am.-1 p.m., Alumni Center. Tickets are \$7, and are available in the Multicultural Student Services office.
- 23 Free staff preview of Little Country Theatre’s “Marcus is Walking: Scenes from the Road,” 7:30 p.m., Walsh Studio Theatre
- 24-27 Little Country Theatre presents “Marcus is Walking: Scenes from the Road,” 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Walsh Studio Theatre
- 25 Plant sciences—Vijaya Varanasi, graduate student, “Cluster Roots-An Adaptation to counter Phosphate and Iron Deficiencies in Soil;” Lesley Lubenow, graduate student, “Environmental and Disturbance Impacts on Suckering Woody Plants,” 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 25 Faculty recital—Matthew Patnode, assistant professor of music, saxophone, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 25 Wrestling vs. South Dakota State University, 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 26 Women’s basketball vs. South Dakota State University, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 26 Men’s basketball vs. South Dakota State University, 8 p.m. Bison Sports Arena
- 27 Mid-winter choral concert, 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Call 1-9442.
- 28 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “The Vagina Monologues,” noon, Memorial Union Century Theater
- 28 Varsity Band, Jazz Combo and Jazz Lab Band concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.
- ### March
- 1 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “Student Soldiers,” noon, Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 2-24 Juried high school art exhibition, NDSU Downtown gallery. Reception 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5.
- 2 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “Refugee Women’s Network,” noon, Memorial Union Gallery
- 2 Brass chamber night, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 3 World I View presentation—“Kyrgystan,” presented by Rose Yunusova, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 3 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “Living Life as a Lesbian,” noon, Memorial Union Gallery
- 3-5 Little Country Theatre presents “Marcus is Walking: Scenes from the Road,” 7:30 p.m., Walsh Studio Theatre
- 4 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “Biology of Gender,” noon, Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 4 Black History Month—Deb Jenkins book and CD sale and signing, 2:30-4 p.m., Varsity Mart
- 4 Plant sciences—Sunil Kumar, graduate student, “Mitogen-Activated Protein Kinase (MAPK) pathway in Plant Defense Signaling;” Sun Eun Lee, graduate student, “Advances in Grafting,” 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 4 Black History Month—Deb Jenkins Band performance, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Memorial Union Cul de Sac
- 5 Gold Star Concert Band concert, David Gregory and Bobby Adams, guest conductors, 7 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Call 1-9442.
- 6 Women’s basketball vs. Grand Canyon University, 1:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 9 Staff Senate meeting, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 9 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “The Concept of Race in Humans,” noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 11 Plant sciences—Robbie Hulthussen, graduate student, “Non-chemical Factors That Influence Glyphosate Efficacy;” Brian Otteson, graduate student, “Influence of Weed Density on Crop Performance,” 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 14-18 Spring break
- 15 Equal opportunity—PeopleSoft application help session, 1-3 p.m., IACC 150C
- 16 Equal opportunity—PeopleSoft application help session, 10 a.m.-noon, IACC 150C

- 20 Concert Choir home concert, 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Call 1-9442.
- 23 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “Taking Care of Yourself: Women’s Health Care in the 21st Century,” noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 30 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “Global Roles of Women,” noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 30 World I View presentation—international studies students panel discussion, 3 p.m., Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 31 Baseball vs. Valley City State University, 4 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 31 Percussion Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Call 1-9442.

April

- 1 World I View presentation—“Nepal,” presented by Ashish Thapa and Kuldeep KC, noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 1 Plant sciences—Kevin Jacobson, graduate student, “Soybean Rust: Is North Dakota at Risk?” Aruna Kandikonda, graduate student, “Genomic Approaches for Studying Weed Biology,” 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114

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- 3 Gold Star Concert Band chamber concert, 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Call 1-9442.
- 5 Baseball vs. UND, 4 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 5 Faculty recital, Virginia Sublett, associate professor of music, soprano, with Andrew Froelich, professor of music, piano, Beckwith Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Free.
- 6 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers,” noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 6 Baseball vs. the University of Wisconsin-Superior, 4 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 7 World I View presentation, topic to be announced, noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 8 Plant sciences—Chelsea Juricek, graduate student, “Biology and Control of Japanese Knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*);” Carrie Schumacher, graduate student, “Rood Induction, Initiaton and Growth of Newly Transplanted Rootstock,” 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 12 Equal opportunity—PeopleSoft application help session, 1-3 p.m., IACC 150C
- 13 Staff Senate meeting, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 13 Equal opportunity—PeopleSoft application help session, 10 a.m.-noon, IACC 150C
- 13 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “Race and Privilege,” noon, Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 13 Free staff preview of Little Country Theatre’s “The Beggar’s Opera,” 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium